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Fake accidents back after a lull

Youth targets car on KRS Road; flees when victim mentions Police Station

Mysuru, Oct. 14 (RK&BCT)- Criminals on two-wheelers have resurfaced, targeting four-wheeler drivers in a deceptive scheme aimed at extorting money. These unscrupulous individuals falsely accuse their victims of causing accidents, exploiting the vulnerabilities of aged drivers who may be less familiar with such fraudulent tactics.

The last case reported in Mysuru city was in April 2024 and after a noticeable lull in these criminal activities, one more case was reported in the city yesterday morning where the owner of a high-end car was targeted, indicating that these brazen criminals are back in action.

Victim Vijay Kumar

K.C. Vijay Kumar, a 55-year-old resident of Yadavagiri, was driving his Toyota Hyryder at 11 am near Akashvani Circle towards Dasappa Circle near the Railway playground on KRS Road when he heard a thud sound, akin to someone beating his car with bare hands. The road was full with tourist cars and other vehicles.

Assuming something had simply fallen onto his vehicle, Vijay Kumar glanced at his rear view mirrors and continued driving. Upon reaching Dasappa Circle, he stopped at a traffic signal, waiting for it to turn green.

Claim serious injuries

Suddenly, a young man, aged around 25 years and riding a scooter without a registration plate, approached his car from behind and knocked on the windshield. When Vijay Kumar questioned him, the youth claimed that Vijay Kumar had caused a serious accident involving his brother near the Railway ground. He alleged that he was speeding and had hit his brother, who was supposedly bleeding from injuries.

The youth accused Vijay Kumar of not stopping his car after the accident. Shocked, Vijay pressed for more details. The youth insisted that a crowd had gathered at the accident spot and warned that if he went there, he would face an angry mob.

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To Our Readers

*Turn to Page - 6 for K.B. Ganapathy's Abracadabra titled **"Omen"** relating to the raging West-Asia War and possible role of Prime Minister Narendra Modi as Peace Maker. —**Ed***

Jumbos leave Mysuru

Mysuru, Oct. 14 (MTY&KS)- Emotional scenes were witnessed at Mysore Palace premises this noon as all 14 Dasara jumbos, headed by Captain Abhimanyu, left back to their respective forest camps along with their Mahouts and Kavadis.

As soon as the trucks arrived to ferry them back to their respective camps, the jumbos became restless and were being calmed by their care-takers. The public present near them became emotional as they had developed a bond and tears filled their eyes.

Priest S.V. Prahalad Rao performed *puja* and offered fruits to Howdah Elephant Abhimanyu and other elephants near Trineshwaraswamy Temple in the Palace premises at about 12.30 pm. Public too offered sugarcane, jaggery and fruits before the elephants were led back to their temporary shelter.

(See JUMBOS on page 7)

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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Monday 14th October 2024

No SSLC grace marks from this year: Minister

Bengaluru, Oct.14 (KMS&DM)- Ending the uncertainty over continuity or discontinuity of SSLC grace marks, Minister for School Education and Literacy Madhu Bangarappa said that there would be no grace marks system in SSLC exams from this academic year itself.

Speaking to presspersons here recently, he said the grace marks system was introduced in order to make up for loss of learning during the COVID pandemic.

Pointing out that there were fluctuations in SSLC exam results due to implementation of webcasting for the first time in 2023 exams, he said grace marks was introduced then for benefit of students, who were a worried lot due to webcasting.

Maintaining that webcasting has helped in preventing copying, Madhu expressed confidence that the students would perform well without grace marks.

It may be mentioned here that CM Siddaramaiah at a progress review meeting of the Department held a couple of months ago, too had expressed unhappiness over the grace marks and had asked officials to cancel it.

Noting that students are found to fare poorly in Maths, he said that apart from students, their parents too would be taught Maths under the 'Ganitha-Ganaka' programme which would help them enhance mathematical knowledge among their wards.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

SEEKING PERFECTION VS WHOLENESS: ***Seeking perfection in action leads to habits that turns life mechanical. The desire for perfection stems from the ego's need to "push my will" onto situations, which leads to stress. Ego-driven desires are coloured by our limited understanding and create a cycle of dissatisfaction. Perfection implies an inherent division: the notion that "I am bad, incomplete, and I must become good, complete." This creates internal conflict and fuels the ego's need for improvement, feeding into an endless cycle of dissatisfaction and stress. However, this is just a "backdoor entry" for the ego to continue its domination over the self.***

The pursuit of perfection keeps the ego alive, as it always postpones satisfaction by focusing on some future achievement. The ego feels secure only when striving for this perfection, which is an indirect way of fulfilling desires. The ego creates a false sense of contentment through division, but the moment we divide life, we lose our freedom. The more we try to achieve perfection, the more the world starts to control us, rather than us living freely within it.

In contrast to perfection, wholeness embraces contradictions and the coexistence of opposites. A person in a state of wholeness does not choose one thing over another. They do not try to interfere with or alter the "total plan of schemes" in life.

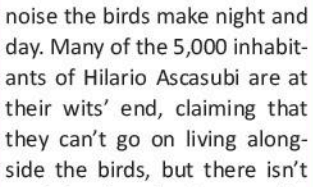
Wholeness involves recognising that both wanting and not wanting something are part of life. A wise person does not engage in the division between success and failure, pleasure and pain. This non-interference is not indifference or ignorance but a deeper understanding that all events are part of a greater plan. Acting without result orientation is key here.

Our understanding is shaped by our experiences, and often, our experience becomes our benchmark. This is what colours our perceptions and expectations. However, wholeness requires transcending this limited understanding to embrace life as it is, without the need for control or division. Vedanta states, "You are that already," without the need for impressing or improving or achieving anything.

Wholeness is about embracing the totality of life, contradictions and all, without being swayed by desires or outcomes. Perfection, on the other hand, is ego-driven and creates internal conflict, division, and stress. The ego survives by constantly seeking perfection, which keeps it alive but also enslaves the person to perennial dissatisfaction. Wholeness is the state of acting without attachment, allowing life to flow without interference. —*R. Eswaran in Deccan Herald*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Town struggles with yearly parrot invasion



Hilario Ascasubi: Every year, a town in the south of Argentina's Buenos Aires province, is invaded by tens of thousands of noisy cliff parrots that cause millions of dollars in damage.

The people of Hilario Ascasubi have been "under siege" by a giant colony of parrots for several years now, but many are complaining that things are getting worse every year. The parrot population is growing and so is the level of property damage they cause. The green-feathered birds love nothing more than biting on electrical and internet wires, driving providers crazy in a never ending race to keep networks in working order. Bird droppings on sidewalks and streets are also a big problem, as is the constant noise the birds make night and day. Many of the 5,000 inhabitants of Hilario Ascasubi are at their wits' end, claiming that they can't go on living alongside the birds, but there isn't much local authorities can do.

Teenager snitches on parking offenders as hobby

Gräfenhainichen: Niclas Matthei, an 18-year-old boy has become known as the "Reporting Master" in his home country of Germany after snitching on thousands of parking offenders to the Police.

Niclas Matthei from Gräfenhainichen, in Germany's Saxony-Anhalt region, first made headlines this year, when several prominent media outlets wrote about his unusual hobby —riding his bike around town, photographing illegally parked cars and sending them to Police. He called himself "Reporting Master" and claimed that he only did civic duty.

The self-proclaimed "chief reporter" knows Germany's parking regulations so he immediately spots illegally parked cars on his daily rounds. Armed with his trusty smartphone, he photographs the offenders' cars and sends the images to the local Police to have them fined.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Simple way to avoid iron deficiency anemia is to eat food rich in iron like green leafy vegetables, broccoli, fruits, whole grains and red meat.

By Dr. Giripunja M - Consultant - Haematology - Manipal Hospital, Mysore

manipalhospitals LIFE'S ON

** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

Ex-Corporator SBM Manju feted

Former Corporator SBM Manju, who donated hot water and drinking water purifying machine to the Old Age Home run by Shree Kaveri Kodagu Mahila Sangha, Mysuru, at Shakthi Layout in Lingambudhi Palya, being felicitated by Sangha members. Sangha President Ponjanda Lovely Appaiah, Hon. Secretary Chendanda Nirmala Subramani, Joint Secretaries Padeyanda Sumi Gopal and Ittira Jyothi Kashiappa, member Keethiyanda Kavya Kuttappa and others were present.

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM	KABINI DAM	HARANGI DAM
Maximum **124.80 feet**	Maximum **2,284 feet**	Maximum **2,859 feet**
Today's level **124.80 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,283.94 feet**	Today's level **2,854.92 feet**
Last year's level **101.24 feet**	Last year's level **2,275.91 feet**	Last year's level **2,856.99 feet**
Yesterday's level **124.70 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,283.91 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,854.75 feet**
Today's Inflow **6,777 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **1,477 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **1,498 cusecs**
Today's Outflow **4,903 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **1,525 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **800 cusecs**

REALLY...?

- ***The cheetah has claws that don't fully retract, kind of like a dog's claws. These claws work like the cleats on a football shoe, giving the cheetah good traction when running.***
- ***Most cats have soft paw pads, but cheetah's pads are hard, like the rubber on a tyre. This helps them grip the ground when they run so fast.***
- ***Cheetahs are Fast Runners, High Jumpers and Strong Swimmers.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Teacher: Raju what is the future tense of I do?
Raju: I will do.
Teacher: Right. What is the future tense of I steal?
Raju: I will go to jail.

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 84.07
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 109.84
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 22.89
1 Euro	= Rs. 91.87

VOICE OF THE READER

Stray dogs at Kukkarahalli Lake are a peaceful lot

Sir,

This refers to the news report on stray dogs at Kukkarahalli Lake in *SOM* dated Sept 24. As a senior citizen and regular morning walker at Kukkarahalli Lake for many years, I see stray dogs there every day. I must say my morning walks are completely peaceful, despite the presence of the dogs. They are so quiet that I hardly even notice them.

I am astonished that some walkers claim the dogs at Kukkarahalli Lake chase them. In all my time, I have never been chased by a dog, nor have I seen other walkers being chased.

Those complaining about strays might be provoking the dogs by throwing stones, running away, or shouting at them. This excites or scares the dogs, leading them to bark. If walkers maintain a calm demeanour, they will find that the dogs remain peaceful too.

On the other hand, it would be helpful if **walkers refrained from playing loud music on their mobiles, which disturbs birdlife around the Lake.** Feeding pigeons, who disrupt native bird habitats and carry diseases, or worse, littering the area with plastic, should also be avoided.

Recently, I saw a cormorant *(neeru kaage)* struggling to free itself from a plastic bag caught on its beak *(see pic)*. It's time humans realise that the earth doesn't belong solely to us.

— Dr. Usha Srinath
Saraswathipuram 30.9.2024

ITF Mysore Open Women's World Tennis Tour

Jessie Aney stuns top-seed Rashmikaa to clinch title

Jessie Aney (right) with Shrivalli Rashmikaa Bhamidipaty.

Mysuru, Oct. 14 (Agencies)- Second-seeded American Jessie Aney delivered a stunning comeback to defeat top-seed Indian Shrivalli Rashmikaa Bhamidipaty in the final, clinching the USD 15,000 ITF Mysore Open Women's World Tennis Tour title on Sunday.

In front of a packed crowd at the Mysore Tennis Club (MTC) courts, Aney, fresh off her doubles victory the previous day, secured a hard-fought 3-6, 6-3, 7-6 (8-6) win over Rashmikaa. The thrilling match, which lasted two hours and 33 minutes, kept spectators on the edge of their seats.

"It was a tough match, but I'm happy I played solid in the tie-break to pull through," said a relieved Aney, who had partnered with India's Riya Bhatia to win the doubles title on Saturday.

Rashmikaa capitalised on Aney's weak second serves in the opening set, breaking twice and securing a decisive break in the eighth game. However, Aney adjusted her game in the second set, slowing down the pace and denying Rashmikaa the space to dictate play.

The American saved two break points in the third game and broke Rashmikaa in the fourth before holding serve in the ninth game, forcing a decider.

In the final set, Aney broke Rashmikaa in the seventh game, capitalising on errors at key moments. Yet, Rashmikaa fought back with strong service returns, forcing Aney into mistakes. The Indian held a match point in the 12th game, but Aney managed to hold serve, pushing the match into a tie-break.

Aney quickly jumped to a 6-2 lead in the tie-break, but Rashmikaa saved four match points to level at 6-6. However, two costly errors handed Aney the victory, along with a prize of USD 2,352.

Results (Final): 2-Jessie Aney (USA) bt 1-Shrivalli Rashmikaa Bhamidipaty (Ind) 3-6, 6-3, 7-6 (8-6). The event was attended by Karnataka State Lawn Tennis Association (KSLTA) EC Member Peter Vijaykumar, KSLTA Joint Secretary Sunil Yajaman, Mysuru Deputy Commissioner G. Lakshmikanth Reddy, Director of N. Ranga Rao & Sons Pvt. Ltd., Pavan Ranga, MTC President A.R. Alagappan, BMRCL Managing Director Maheshwar Rao, and KSLTA Hon. Secretary & Tournament Director P.S. Vastrad.

Jashne Garvin Shariff celebrations tonight

Mysuru, Oct. 14 (KS)- The Astane-e-Hazarath Bandagi Sha Makan, Meer Hayath Saheb Masjid, Muslim Burial Ground, Mandi Mohalla, Mysuru, devotees have organised Jashne Garvin Shariff and Chiraghan, Fateha Shariff celebrations today at 7 pm and tomorrow morning at Tipu Tomb (Gumbaz), Ganjam in Srirangapatna.

Tonight homage will be paid to Tipu Sultan Shrine and his parents, spreading of flower mat and Fateha Shariff. After Hazarath Shaik Abdul Khadar Jeelani (R.A) Moue-e-Mubarak, Ziarath, will be held followed by Isha Salath.

Lectures by Hazarath Moulana Nasir Hussain Razvi, Hazarath Moulana Javeed Hussain Jamali Razvi, Hazarath Moulana Abdul Salam Razvi, Hazarath Moulana Enayath-ur-Rehaman Razvi on Azmath-e-Aowliya Allaha will be held. Dinner has been arranged for the devotees tonight.

Langar Ghousia breakfast has been arranged for the participants tomorrow. For details, contact Sha Mohd. Zahooruddin Arshi on Mob: 99453-48176.

Juloose Ghousia procession in city tomorrow

Mysuru, Oct. 14 (KS) - Juloose Ghousia procession, organised as part of Hazarath Shaik Abdul Khadar Jeelani Baghdad Shariff (Gyarveen Shariff) by Sarkar Mehaboob Subhani Foundation in Lashkar Mohalla, will be held tomorrow at 2.45 pm from Masjis-e-Azam on Ashoka Road in city.

Fatheha Shariff, Darud-o-Salam, Emotional Duwa, will be performed and the procession will start from Meelad Park Circle and will pass through the prominent roads before stopping at the Muslim Burial Grounds where prayers will be offered for the departed souls.

The procession will then pass via K.T. Street, Mandi Mohalla, Kantharaj Urs Park Road, St. Philomena's Church Circle, Ashoka Road and will reach Masjid Azam.

The Management has arranged lunch before and after the procession at Masjid Azam for the participants.

For details, contact Organiser Hafeezulla Shariff Khadri on Mob: 99012-70392, according to a press release.

No delay in handing over Golden Howdah on Oct. 12: Pramoda Devi

Mysuru, Oct. 14 (MTY&BCT)- Member of erstwhile Mysore royal family Pramoda Devi Wadiyar has denied that there was any delay in the Mysore Palace authorities in handing over the Ambari (Golden Howdah) to the District Administration for the *Jumboo Savari* on Oct. 12.

Responding to the reported delay in the floral offering or *'Pushparchane'* to Goddess Chamundeshwari, the deity placed inside the Golden Howdah atop the caparisoned lead elephant at the Mysore Palace, she sought to clarify that there was no delay by the Palace authorities in handing over the Ambari. The Ambari was handed over a few minutes after 2 pm, she said.

In a press release, she has stated, "It was reported in a section of the press that the reason for delay was due to late handing over of the Ambari to the designated /concerned personnel. I wish to state that this is an irresponsible statement as the Ambari was handed over a few minutes after 2 pm and the same was acknowledged."

Pramoda Devi Wadiyar also shared a copy of the acknowledgement received from the Assistant Commissioner of Police, Palace Security, on behalf of the City Police Commissioner that the Golden Howdah had been received for the Dasara procession at 2.05 pm on Oct. 12.

"It did cause anxiety for us as well. Despite our best efforts to do everything meticulously and ensuring the smooth conduct of the event and in spite of the Ambari being ready the concerned members of staff had difficulty in shifting it due to poor crowd management and blocking of the way with a few Government cars and a private bus ferrying Government guests/attendees en route the designated place to hoist the same on the elephant," she clarified.

"This statement is issued by me to clarify the misunderstanding regarding the time of handover and there is no offence intended. This issue needs to be addressed in future to avoid unnecessary anxiety to all concerned," she added.

Deputy Conservator of Forests (Wildlife), Dr. I.B. Prabhu Gowda, clarified to *Star of Mysore* that the Ambari, upon receipt from the royal family, was immediately sent for decoration. "The decoration was swiftly completed while Akram and his team mounted and secured the Ambari on Howdah elephant Abhimanyu within just 28 minutes. There was no delay on our end," he stated.

Man shoots youth accusing him of illicit affair; arrested

Pandavapura, Oct. 14 (KS)- A man allegedly shot a youth with a country-made pistol in an attempted murder over accusations of an illicit relationship with his wife. The incident occurred yesterday morning at Shambhunahalli village, Melukote hobli, near Jakkanahalli Cross, Mandya district.

Accused Shivaraju

Pistol used for the crime.

Victim Manju

The injured youth has been identified as 29-year-old Manju of Shambhunahalli, while the accused is 37-year-old Shivaraju, also from the same village.

It is alleged that Manju was involved in an illicit relationship with Shivaraju's wife. Three years ago, during a confrontation over the same issue, Shivaraju reportedly stabbed Manju with a knife. A compromise meeting was held in the village afterward, and Shivaraju subsequently left for Mumbai.

However, Shivaraju, seeking revenge, devised a plan to eliminate Manju six months ago and allegedly purchased a country-made pistol from Chor Bazar in Mumbai. He returned to the village for *Ayudha Puja* and on Oct. 13 morning, confronted Manju.

A heated argument ensued, during which Shivaraju drew the pistol and shot at Manju's head. As Manju ducked, the bullet grazed the right side of his head, causing him to collapse to the ground. Believing he had killed Manju, Shivaraju reportedly discarded the pistol and attempted to flee, but villagers pursued and caught him. They tied him to a pole and alerted the Police about the incident. Upon arrival, the Police took Shivaraju into custody and retrieved the pistol. Injured Manju was admitted to a hospital, where he is reported to be out of danger.

Mandya Superintendent of Police (SP) Mallikarjun Baladandi, along with Addl. SP Thimmaiah, Dy.SP Murali and Sub-Inspector Umesh, visited the scene, conducted a preliminary investigation, registered a case and seized the weapon used in the crime.

"The incident stemmed from an illicit relationship. Shivaraju shot at Manju because he believed Manju was involved with his wife. Three years ago, for the same reason, Shivaraju attempted to murder Manju by stabbing him. After a village meeting resolved the issue, Shivaraju moved to Mumbai, where he plotted to kill Manju and purchased the pistol for Rs. 3 lakh," said the SP.

"Upon returning to the village for the festival, he attempted to kill Manju with the pistol he brought, but Manju survived. Shivaraju is in custody and the pistol and bullets have been seized. The investigation is ongoing," he added.

Obituary

M.N. Nagaraja Rao

Mysuru, Oct. 14- M.N. Nagaraja Rao (96), retired teacher and a resident of Chamarajapuram, passed away in city recently. He leaves behind his wife, two sons and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at the foot of Chamundi Hill on Saturday.

Jabeer

Jabeer (61), Proprietor of Diamond Watch Co. at Shivarampet and a resident of No. 132, Umarkhyam Road in Tilaknagar, passed away at a private hospital in city on Saturday.

He leaves behind his wife, one son, one daughter and a host of relatives and friends.

Namaz-e-Janaza was performed yesterday at Masjid-e-Hayath Saheb after Zohar (1.30 pm), followed by the burial at the Muslim Burial Grounds near Tipu Circle.

Rider killed after crashing bike into road divider

Mysuru, Oct. 14 (MK,RK&KS)- A two-wheeler rider was killed on the spot after the bike he was riding crashed into the road divider in front of GRS Fantasy Park on the Outer Ring Road (ORR) on Sunday night.

The deceased has been identified as Sunil Kumar (35), a native of Uttar Pradesh, who was working since a few years at Metagalli in city and residing there.

Yesterday at about 7.30 pm, Sunil was proceeding on his bike when he crashed into a road divider and fell down. Due to the fall, Sunil sustained serious head injuries and breathed his last on the spot, Police sources said.

V.V. Puram Traffic Inspector Lava, who has registered a case in this regard, is investigating.

Congress setting its acts right ahead of by-polls: Dy.CM

'I will be the candidate from Channapatna Constituency,' says D.K. Shivakumar

Shivakumar

Mysuru, Oct. 14 (BLU&DM)- Stating that the Congress Government has taken the Channapatna Assembly Constituency very seriously, which is going to the by-polls shortly, Deputy Chief Minister (Dy.CM) and KPCC President D.K. Shivakumar said that the party is getting its acts right ahead of the by-polls.

Speaking to press persons at a private hotel here yesterday, Shivakumar said, "The Congress had suffered a setback in the Lok Sabha polls. But now, the party is strengthening its base and I hope that the people will support Congress in the by-polls taking into consideration the works done by the Congress Government."

Commenting on reports that the BJP-JD(S) combine may field Nikhil Kumaraswamy from Channapatna, he said that the Congress was not bothered about the Opposition candidate. Asserting that the by-polls are not individual-based, he said that the polls will be fought on ideologies of parties.

Asserting that he would be the Congress candidate for Channapatna by-polls, which seat has fallen vacant following the election of H.D. Kumaraswamy as MP, he maintained that the Congress is the front runner in the by-polls.

Referring to speculations on change of leadership in the State, the Dy.CM said that Siddaramaiah would be the Chief Minister for the next 10 years.

Stating that the BJP would keep on raising speculations on change of leadership, Shivakumar said that the BJP was frustrated with the support of the people for the Congress.

MUDA 50:50 site scam

Complainant urges Lokayukta to interrogate CM and his wife

Complainant in the Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) land scam case Snehamayi Krishna arrived at the Lokayukta SP Office on Dewan's Road in city this morning to handover a 25-page complaint providing new evidence to the investigating team. On Saturday, he sent the same complaint to the Lokayukta SP T.J. Udesh via WhatsApp. This morning, he handed over the physical copy.

Mysuru, Oct. 14 (BLU&BCT)- Social activist Snehamayi Krishna, the complainant in the Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) sites scam, has submitted a 25-page document to Mysuru Lokayukta SP T.J. Udesh, urging him to interrogate Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and his wife.

The submission provides key evidence to be gathered and includes a questionnaire for the investigating agency, adding pressure to the ongoing probe.

While the Lokayukta has already questioned B.M. Mallikarjunaswamy (CM's brother-in-law) and landowner J. Devaraju — Accused Nos. 3 and 4 — Siddaramaiah and his wife B.M. Parvathi (Accused Nos. 1 and 2) are yet to face questioning.

The document also highlights alleged irregularities, including de-notification of land involving Devaraju, which was allegedly facilitated when Siddaramaiah was the Deputy Chief Minister. He pointed out discrepancies in documents submitted to the High Court, accusing the parties involved of concealing key details regarding land ownership and legal procedures.

Snehamayi Krishna questioned why a crucial agreement between Mallikarjunaswamy and Devaraju was not submitted to the Court and why it was accepted despite lacking proper signatures and witnesses.

He also said that D. Dhruvakumar, former MUDA Chairman and Congress leader appointed by Siddaramaiah, decided to grant the land to CM's wife on a 50:50 basis.

As multiple unlawful actions have been reported in the case, Snehamayi Krishna urged the Lokayukta SP to investigate specific points in the complaint, asserting that if the investigation is conducted based on the writ petition filed by Siddaramaiah in the High Court, the alleged illegalities committed by the CM's family would be proven.

He also emphasised that this evidence will be crucial in Court if the Lokayukta Police omit significant details from the investigation report. He stated that should any omissions occur, he would challenge them in Court.

The submission further alleges that Siddaramaiah's son, Dr. Yathindra (former MLA and current MLC), attended a MUDA meeting on Mar. 20, 2021 and said that former MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev, who recently joined the Congress, may have been welcomed into the party as a reward for facilitating the allocation of 14 sites for Siddaramaiah's wife.

TEASER

By N. Prakash

City swarmed by visitors a day after *Jumboo Savari*

Excitement lingers as dazzling lights make memorable moments of Dasara festivities

Mysuru, Oct. 14 (MTY,PM& BCT)- A day after the grand *Jumboo Savari,* Mysuru city and surrounding attractions remained inundated with tourists and locals alike, with every corner of the city overflowing with people and vehicles.

From early Sunday morning, the roads around the Palace were heavily congested, and by evening, the scene escalated into a virtual sea of humanity. Despite the best efforts of the Police, controlling the crowd proved to be a Herculean task.

Lakhs of tourists who had come to witness the vibrant Dasara festivities were still present in the city, even after the conclusion of the *Jumboo Savari* on Saturday.

Many visitors, along with their families and friends, delayed their departure, leading to continued crowding across Mysuru's popular destinations like Mysore Palace, Chamundi Hill and the Zoo. As evening approached, the crowds and traffic near the Palace and Exhibition Grounds had tripled compared to the morning rush.

One of the main attractions was the Palace and city illumination, which drew massive crowds inside and outside. The golden glow of the Palace lighting against the night sky left onlookers mesmerised, with many eagerly capturing the spectacle on their phones and cameras.

People navigating through the heavily congested road in front of Jayamarthanda Gate of Mysore Palace even as camera's eye captures the illuminated heritage structure on Sunday. The Dasara Exhibition Grounds is located on the other side of this road. *[Pics. by M.N. Lakshminarayana Yadav]*

A particularly large crowd gathered along Bengaluru-Nilgiri Road in front of the Jayamarthanda Gate, celebrating the dazzling illumination. Despite the imposition of one-way traffic, the streets were so densely packed that vehicles could barely move.

Key areas such as Jayachamaraja Wadiyar Circle (Hardinge Circle), Chamaraja Wadiyar Circle, Krishnaraja Wadiyar Circle and surrounding roads were swarmed with people, turning the city's thoroughfares into pedestrian walkways.

The obsession with the Dasara illumination persisted even after the *Jumboo Savari* had ended, as visitors continued to walk the streets, soaking in the majestic light display.

The crowd's enthusiasm was palpable as they strolled through Hardinge Circle, Albert Victor Road, Sayyaji Rao Road, JLB Road, B.N. Road and Devaraja Urs Road, admiring the electrifying decorations. The surge in foot traffic and vehicle congestion reached a peak by Sunday evening, even causing delays in the Ambari bus services.

Earlier in the day, more than 1,600 artistes from across the State, who had participated in *Jumboo Savari*, visited Chamundi Hill Temple before heading back to their hometowns. These performers, who had been staying in various Kalyana Mantapas across Mysuru, left in private vehicles throughout Sunday.

Similarly, Home Guards from different regions, who had been temporarily housed in local private institutions, also began their journey back home. The Police forces deployed from various districts also started to leave the city on Sunday morning.

As tourists and visitors began their return journeys, bus and railway stations were crowded with people heading back to their respective destinations.

Despite the official conclusion of Dasara festivities, the buzz and excitement lingered in Mysuru, with the dazzling illumination and crowds of people of all ages making it a memorable end to the celebrations.

Crowds flood Exhibition for fun, food, festive shopping

Mysuru, Oct. 14 (MK&BCT)- As the city teemed with visitors, the Dasara Exhibition Grounds — Doddakere Maidan — were flooded with crowds, with families and groups arriving in waves throughout the day. Excitement was palpable as people explored every corner of the Exhibition, making the most of the festive atmosphere.

Both Government and private stalls were abuzz with activity as visitors indulged in shopping sprees. Popular selfie spots, including the Grand Panda, the iconic 'Brand Mysore' sign, and the flower-adorned gates near the Mysore Palace, attracted large crowds. Food stalls were equally busy, offering a variety of local delicacies, such as Davangere Benne Dosa, other types of dosas, snacks, veg and chicken biryani, and assorted chaats.

After stocking up on essentials, decorative items and children's toys, visitors gravitated towards the giant Ferris wheels, enjoying the rides with their families.

Announcements over the radio room for lost women, girls and children echoed frequently, as the crowd bustled through the Grounds.

The stunning illumination was a highlight of the evening, with the glowing backdrop drawing visitors for photos and videos. The towering light decorations near the Exhibition Grounds added an extra charm to the event. To ensure safety, an ambulance service was stationed at the grounds, providing medical aid to anyone in need.

Sanitation concerns and plastic waste

Despite the grandeur of the exhibition, cleanliness was a major concern. Overflowing trash bins and plastic waste, including water bottles and plates, were scattered around. This was particularly concerning given the prior announcement that this year's Dasara Exhibition would be plastic-free.

Some of the Government stalls, including one by the Social Welfare Department, attracted thousands of visitors. However, many left confused as there was no one available to explain the purpose or offerings of these stalls. While a few stalls appeared impressive from the outside, they were either empty or lacked informative displays inside.

According to Karnataka Exhibition Authority Chairman Ayub Khan, over five lakh visitors attended the exhibition from Oct. 3 to Oct. 13. "On Sunday alone, over one lakh people visited the Exhibition, which is more attractive this year. All stalls are drawing large crowds and food stalls have received excellent reviews. Shops selling household items, furniture, decorative pieces and fabrics are doing roaring business," he added.

Abracadabra... Abracadabra...

By K.B. Ganapathy

OMEN

The West-Asia War is raging: One Israel against three — Hamas (Gaza), Hezbollah (Lebanon) and Iran. What will the future be?

The genesis of the Palestinian War and its cause are well-known. Jewish Israel and the Arab Palestinian West-Bank and the Gaza Strip were born with blood and iron in May 1948. Since then both Arabs and Jews have been fighting a war of attrition with no settlement in sight. Wars and Military conflicts are continuing in regular intervals — 1948-49, 1956, 1967, 1973, 1982, 2006 and 2023, the present ongoing one. Let it be. After all, as Hitler famously said, 'War is first born in the mind of the man.' Therefore, to end any war, the man must end the war in his mind and make room for peace. Sadly, this is not happening in this West-Asia War.

Many ask about the possible escalation of the present war because Iran has joined the Arab forces. Will it lead to a Third World War? In recent times we have heard of a possibility of a Third World War for water, not for territory. This one is for territory.

Therefore, this should remind us of books written either with prophecies about the future of this world or about the events that would shake the world bringing in a New World Order. Among the books I can recall are *'2001: A Space Odyssey'* by Sir Arthur C. Clarke, the books *'1984'* and *'Animal Farm'* by George Orwell, *'Future Shock'* by Alvin Toffler, *'Around the World in Eighty Days'* by Jules Verne, *'The Shape of Things to Come'* and *'The War of the Worlds'* by H.G. Wells (written in 1897), *'Brave New World'* by Aldous Huxley and many others.

'The War of the Worlds,' a novel, deals with a catastrophic conflict between humans and the extraterrestrial 'Martians.' It is frightening to read as to what happened during the Martians' invasion. It sent shock waves among people when broadcast on radio as a play in Britain with listeners believing the Martian invasion to be true for a moment.

Narendra Modi

Recep Tayyip Erdoğan

Fareed Zakaria

In the epilogue of the novel, the narrator draws the attention of the readers to its significance and warns future generations to prepare themselves for such an eventuality. Israel may draw a parallel and learn a lesson from this. In the given political climate, Israel seems to be under a constant threat of war. If so what could be the future scenario for the world?

For answer, we may have to revisit the book *'The Clash of Civilizations'* by Samuel P. Huntington. It is a thesis that avers that people's **cultural and religious** identities will be primary source of conflict (war) in the post-Cold War (present) world.

The author argues that future wars would be fought NOT between countries — Jewish Israel and the Arab Palestine or Ukraine and Russia as at present. According to the thesis of the book *'The Clash of Civilizations,'* the future wars would be fought not between **countries,** but between **cultures.** And the theory propounded in the book written in 1993 is so prophetic that we are seeing it being played out in the present West-Asian War. The **culture** of Arab Palestine is different from the **culture** of Jewish Israel. And who knows this may expand and lead to a clash of Christian and Islamic civilisations. God forbid.

This said, the apprehension is about an apocalyptic war, cataclysmic one as mentioned in the Holy Book *The New Testament.* A prophetic revelation suggesting the end of the world but the God of Israel will intervene! Yah. Yahweh.

Palestine has a hoary history going back to 4,000 BC. Located in the crossroads of International Highways, it is linked to the superpowers of those days — Egypt, Mesopotamia (Iraq, Syria, Jordan), Greece and Rome. It is called the Holy Land because it is a sacred land for three great monotheistic religions of the world — Judaism, Christianity and Islam. Hence, its importance then and now, the land being claimed by the Arabs and Jews as their own to the exclusion of the other.

Be that as it may, to revert to the future shock of a war to end all wars or an apocalyptic war for peace, there is another book to look into — *'The Prophecies of Nostradamus.'* I was curious and turned the pages of the book, Corgi edition, published in 1985. This 16th century French astrologer and seer, Michel de Nostredame, had put down his thoughts in his book ***'The Centuries'*** for the future of the world. Some, among those who studied him, claim many of his predictions about war, peace, natural calamities and pestilence have come true.

Erika Cheetham is one such person who studied the book and looked at the period of 20th century but now crossing over to 21st century. The preface to the book says, *"Among the precognitions detailed in this new book are war in Middle-East (for us West-Asia) and end of both the Papacy and the British Monarchy."* However, her interpretation was considered controversial. Since the West-Asia War is going on, out of sheer curiosity, I peeked into what Nostradamus has said in the book about this war. The way the prophesy is written seems inexorable to me. The language is couched in words that need much expertise to decipher.

According to the interpretations of Nostradamus by Erika Cheetham, "The situation in the Middle-East (West-Asia) has always been of vital importance. He (Nostradamus) envisaged the possible trigger for a Third World War." Erika Cheetham, alluding to the tragic killings of French and American soldiers in **Lebanon,** in 1983 quotes *The Guardian* newspaper in Britain in its headline, "The West is Involved in War with the Middle-East."

Today we see the West covertly involved in the ongoing war in West-Asia and, who knows, it might expand. *'The Prophecies of Nostradamus'* says that *"Perse"* (whoever he is or whatever it is), "is the one that intimates clearly that he will annihilate the regime of the Ayatollah as thoroughly as the latter did to the late Shah."

Now that Israel has launched a full-blown attack on Iran, it is to be seen whether the prophecy of Nostradamus will prove correct. Let not War be Peace, as Orwell wrote in his book.

In the midst of the present ongoing two wars — both for territories — that started over a year ago, who will be the possible **Peace Maker?** After all, history is replete with wars that ended only after the victory of the one and defeat of the other. However, with the possession of catastrophic weapons in the arsenal, the world seems to be on the edge of a global war, if the ongoing wars are not stopped. Which is why, we need Peace Makers. And among the present day leaders, who could play that role?

Last Saturday (12.10.2024), I was watching an exclusive interview by *India Today*'s Consulting Editor Rajdeep Sardesai with the American veteran journalist (of Indian origin), a geopolitical expert, of *CNN,* **Fareed Zakaria** — both are perceived as not well-disposed towards Prime Minister Narendra Modi and India's foreign policy. Suddenly I was surprised beyond belief. Did I mishear Zakaria? I wondered, even as Rajdeep was struggling to suppress his derisive trademark smile of disapproval of what Zakaria was saying with a straight face and quite seriously.

According to Zakaria, there is a possibility of Prime Minister Modi playing a significant role in global politics amidst the West-Asia and Ukraine conflicts. Rajdeep continued to grin as I continued to listen attentively to what Zakaria was saying in his eloquent delivery of an oracle. **He said that only a few leaders of the world have credibility with both sides engaged in war today and they are Recep Tayyip Erdogan, President of Turkey and Narendra Modi, Prime Minister of India.** What a compliment and recognition of their stature as world leaders — coming as it is from no less a person than Fareed Zakaria.

And when Rajdeep said that people would take note of the names Zakaria had named — Erdogan and Modi — as the leaders who could broker peace, this is how the latter responded.

Zakaria: Yes, and I would say Modi even more than Erdogan. This is a great opportunity for Modi to step up as global statesman. He has the platform, potential and **diplomatic skill**, but he would need to get energetically involved and be seen as **truly neutral mediator.**

Now let Modi and Erdogan disprove George Orwell and establish peace on earth and brotherhood among mankind.

Om Shanti

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Dasara Jumbos leave Mysuru

Deputy Commissioner G. Lakshmikanth Reddy handing over the honorarium cheques to the care-takers of Dasara elephants as others look on. Picture right shows a Mahout guiding a Dasara elephant board a truck at Mysore Palace premises this afternoon.

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Speaking on the occasion, Conservator of Forests (CF) Dr. Malathi Priya said that this year's *Jumboo Savari* was held successfully on Oct. 12 and attributed the success to the efforts of Deputy Conservator of Forests (DCF) Dr. I.B. Prabhu Gowda, Range Forest Officer (RFO) Santosh Hugar, elephant caretakers and others.

She said that all the 14 elephants were healthy and will return to their respective camps later today besides stating that Abhimanyu carried the Golden Howdah with ease for the fifth time continuously. DCF Dr. Prabhu Gowda said that all the 14 Dasara elephants performed their responsibilities successfully.

Meanwhile, the Palace Board gave an honorarium of Rs. 15,000 each to 68 persons including Mahouts, Kavadis, care-takers, cooks and others, who had accompanied the Dasara elephants. The honorarium was distributed by Deputy Commissioner (DC) G. Lakshmikanth Reddy, who is also the Dasara Special Officer.

Palace Board Deputy Director T.S. Subramanya, ZP CEO K.M. Gayathri, DCF Dr. K.N. Basavaraju, Forest Mobile Squad DCF Dr. Chandrashekar Patil, RFO Santosh Hugar, H.D. Kote Probationary Assistant Conservator of Forests (ACF) Abhishek, Veterinarian Dr. Mujeeb, Palace ACP Chandrashekar, ACP (Traffic) Parashuramappa, Devaraja ACP Shanthamallappa and others were present.

It may be recalled that the first batch of nine Dasara elephants — Abhimanyu, Varalakshmi, Dhananjaya, Gopi, Bheema, Lakshmi, Kanjan, Rohit and Ekalavya — arrived in Mysuru on Aug. 21 and the second batch of five elephants — Prashanth, Mahendra, Sugreeva, Doddaharave Lakshmi and Hiranya — arrived on Sept. 5. All the 14 Dasara elephants were boarded on the trucks when we went to the press at 2 pm.

Fake accidents back after a lull

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The youth then demanded money from Vijay Kumar for his brother's treatment, claiming that the young man's knee had been severely injured.

As the tone of the conversation grew confrontational, Vijay Kumar suggested they move to the Mayura Hoysala gate to resolve the issue away from the busy intersection.

Demand for money

There, with less traffic, the youth escalated his demands to Rs. 30,000. Vijay Kumar offered to take the youth's brother to the hospital, but the youth refused, insisting that the crowd would attack him.

The young man argued that he needed the money for treatment, stating that his brother earned Rs. 1,000 a day and required a month's rest, which totalled Rs. 30,000.

When Vijay Kumar explained he did not have cash on hand, the youth insisted on a UPI transfer, providing a phone number. Vijay Kumar then suggested going to Sringar Hotel, where he could ask a friend for the money, but the young man declined.

Growing increasingly suspicious, Vijay Kumar suggested they go to the Devaraja Police Station to involve the authorities. As their argument continued, a small crowd began to gather. Upon seeing the crowd and hearing the mention of Police intervention, the young man hurriedly left the scene, hurling insults at Vijay Kumar as he departed.

After the encounter, Vijay Kumar proceeded to Devaraja Police Station to file a complaint regarding the incident.

Hubballi riots: BJP stages dharna,
condemns withdrawal of criminal cases

Hundreds of party leaders and members of the Opposition BJP staged a massive demonstration at Freedom Park in Bengaluru this morning strongly condemning the State Government's decision to withdraw criminal cases registered in connection with Hubballi riots. Opposition Leader R. Ashok, State BJP President B.Y. Vijayendra, Yelahanka MLA S.R. Vishwanath, former Deputy Chief Minister Dr. C.N. Aswathnarayan, Leader of the Opposition in the Legislative Council Chalavadi Narayanaswamy and others led the demonstration.

Row over vacancies:
MRC Steward polls postponed

Mysuru, Oct. 14 (RK&BCT)- The Annual General Body Meeting (AGM) of Mysore Race Club (MRC) Limited took place at the Club premises in city this morning.

During the meeting, the election of Stewards was postponed to a later date due to objections from the members. Probably, this marks the first time in the illustrious history of the Club, which spans over a century, that elections have been cancelled on the day of the polls.

Sources informed Star of Mysore that MRC Chairman K.M. Chandre Gowda announced an election schedule for three vacant Steward positions. While two posts were vacant, one post became vacant following the passing away of one Steward while still in office.

However, members insisted that elections be held for only two vacant posts, leading to heated exchanges between the Chairman and the members, who claimed that he had made a unilateral decision without consulting them.

Amid the discussion and a noisy atmosphere at the AGM, the Chairman stated that he needed to seek legal advice and requested a 21-day period for this, to which the members agreed. Consequently, the elections for the Stewards were postponed.

MRC Secretary Dr. M.R. Jagannath noted that the AGM

proceeded smoothly, and the accounts were approved. "Only the Steward election process has been adjourned. The election process will be re-notified, as this decision was made due to confusion regarding whether there were three or two vacancies. A fresh notification will be issued for the election process," he explained.

Chairman Chandre Gowda clarified that the election notification was issued for three vacancies in accordance with the Companies Act and that once a notification is issued, it cannot be altered.

"There was no violation of rules in the notification and according to the law, elections must be held for three vacancies. However, due to some members objecting to the three posts and insisting on elections for only two, the AGM decided to cancel the elections. We will seek legal opinion and proceed accordingly," he added.

Over a cup of evening Tea

By Dr. K. Javeed Nayeem, MD

An Elephant Eden, at Last!

The announcement by our Forest Minister a few days ago, that the State Government is seriously thinking of establishing a **'Soft Release Centre'** for elephants that stray out of our forests and aggravate the man-animal conflict, has made some very interesting front page news.

And, it comes as a whiff of fresh air, especially to the thousands of families, like mine, that dwell on the fringes of the forest areas of the Malnad districts of our State.

It certainly means a lot to us because it is very likely to put an end to tragic incidents of conflict with wild animals, which have been becoming increasingly common in the recent past. The number of people dying or getting seriously injured in such encounters has been steadily increasing over the last ten years, which is very distressing.

The last two years in particular have recorded the highest number of fatalities. **Whether this is due to humans encroaching upon animal territory or the other way around, has been the subject of much debate and what seems right or wrong to you, depends on whether you stand with the forest denizens or with the fringe-of-the-forest dwellers.**

But what is immediately necessary is to reduce if not completely eliminate such incidents of man animal-conflict and bring in some lasting peace. The Government has been trying various strategies to mitigate this problem but without much success and it is now under increasing pressure to do something long-lasting about it.

Looking at what has been done and how it has been done, there is no disputing the fact that it has not been of much help. The grim statistics have only been becoming grimmer. And that is why all the affected people are very unhappy with the response they have been getting from the Government in tackling the problem that has made life difficult for them and the people they hire to help them with their farming activities.

A foraging tusker in a coffee estate.

The result of this stalemate is that farming activities have almost come to a standstill for planters and farmers, with their staff and they themselves hesitating to venture out of their homes, fearing for their lives.

This situation has disturbed to a great extent the economic scene in the once prosperous affected areas, with its devastating cascade effects. But this new five thousand acre **'Elephant Eden'** which is reportedly being established within the densely forested area of the **Bhadra Wildlife Sanctuary** is bound to be exactly to the pachyderms' likings because it will not be any different from their home territory.

In fact, it is very likely to be even better, because the Government proposes to fill it liberally with bamboo, grass and all kinds of fruit bearing trees like jamun and jackfruit which are the favourites of elephants. It was the absence of these sources of food in our reserve forests and their plentiful presence in the adjoining cultivated lands that has been the main reason for these helplessly hungry beasts from straying out of their home habitat.

A thought should have been given to replenishing in regular phases, the now almost completely wiped-out bamboo, keeping in mind the fact that it dies completely every twelve years or so. In addition to this, if measures had been taken to introduce different kinds of grasses and fruit bearing trees across all our forests, the problem would never have occurred in the first place.

Given sufficient food to eat, water to drink and also to slosh and roll in and enough rough and gnarled tree trunks to scratch its back against, which elephant would think of leaving its forest home? Do think about it.

But, sadly, over the past one century or so, the focus of our authorities somehow has been only on promoting the plantation of teak in almost all our forests and the reason for this kind of monoculture is very unclear. Teak may be very valuable timber but with its out-of-reach foliage, it is of no use whatsoever to herbivorous animals.

Thankfully, although very late, common sense seems to have made sense and the present proposal is very likely to yield positive results.

Since the Government is also thinking of effectively fencing this elephant sanctuary to prevent its more adventurous inmates from straying out, peace may prevail between man and beast!

But only time will tell if this experiment is going to succeed and the much bigger question is whether the Government's grand plan itself is going to see the light of the day!

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Mamma Mills adjudged 'Most Fundable Start-up'

Anitha Sadanand, Hamsini and Prathima M. Suresh seen during the Big Tech Show-2024 held in city recently.

Mysuru, Oct. 14 (KS)- Mamma Mills, a product developed by a Mysuru-based start-up, promoted by Anitha Sadanand, has won the 'Most Fundable Start-up' at the Big Tech Show-2024.

Anitha started Mommy Mills Foods Pvt. Ltd. in 2024 and the start-up is being incubated at SJCE-STEP under the stewardship of P. Shiv Shankar, CEO, SJCE-STEP. The start-up is currently focusing on Organic Baby Food Supplements with a Multigrain Health Mix for pregnant and lactating women in the pipeline.

After receiving the Top 1 position at KDEM's (Karnataka Digital Economy Mission) Beyond Bengaluru, Mysuru - BLUE event, Anitha Sadanand, along with co-founder S. Hamsini appreciated and acknowledged the efforts and contributions made by interns Prathima M. Suresh, Umme Ayman and C. Akshatha, all 3rd year B.Com - Financial Management students at MYCAS College, Mysuru.

Interns Kushal R. Hemdev, Mohammed Ameen, Imaad Hafiz Khan, Suchinth S. Shekar, Diya Patel — students of B.Com Financial Management at MYCAS College along with B.K. Hemantha Kumar, Founder of NBNB Tech, also made it to the Top 10 at KDEM.

The interns worked on problem discovery, solution framing and implementation. They engaged in business modelling, market research, customer validation and strategic planning, gaining valuable insights into the fundamentals of building a start-up, according to a press release from College Principal G. Ramacharan.

Lions Club Mysore North Trust to get training campus

Mysuru, Oct. 14 (AP)- A new training campus for Lions Club Mysore North Trust will be constructed using CSR funds, said MLA and Trust Founder Tanveer Sait. He was speaking during the meeting of the Trust held at the Centre for Excellence Skill Training, near Vikrant Tyres on KRS Road in city recently.

Earlier, Club Secretary Ln. Deviprasad, who presented information pertaining to the social services conducted by the Trust also gave details of Skill Development training conducted by the Trust two years ago but was stopped abruptly following change in Government policies in the Centre and State.

Sait explained about how to put the Trust property to use and suggested to start skill training in first-aid to the employees of various industries in collaboration with the Labour Department. He said that a new training campus, which can accommodate over 100 trainees will be constructed using CSR funds to impart job-oriented courses as per Government guidelines. Ln. Ismail, Ln. Basavegowda, Club President C. Narayanagowda, Ln. Tavde, Club Secretary Ln. Deviprasad and Ln. Asha were present.

A rare touch of divinity

The Natya Sabha of Mysuru had organised a beautiful Bharatanatyam 'Marga' recital at the Veene Seshanna Bhavana on the 28th of September. The artiste was **Vidushi Kathyayini Shringari**, who was groomed by Guru Dr. Kripa Phadke (Mysuru) and currently under the guidance of Vidwan Vijaykumar from Chennai.

Vijaykumar, a rare and gifted artiste, is committed to bring a sense of sublime awareness to this sacred art form called Bharatanatyam. A deep knowledge of our sacred texts, understanding Sanskrit language and literature helps him in pursuing his goal. At a time when students are easily attracted by the glamour present in the art, it is indeed a tough task to transform the deserving disciples and guide them to identify the sanctity of this art form. He has successfully changed the approach, appreciation, understanding and attitude of a handful students from Mysuru and Karnataka.

The supporting artistes of the day were also equally good and helped in elevating the experience of the concert. Guru Vijaykumar was on natuvanga, Vidushi Harshitha Vidya on vocal, Vidwan Vinay Nagarajan on mridanga and Vidwan Jayaram Kikkeri on flute, each one doing their job wonderfully. The concert opened with a Ganesha Kautuvam and Vrittam.

The selection of the items for the day also spoke loudly of the devotion and the spiritual touch that was going to be conveyed. An unmatched Padavarna by the famous art critic Sri Subbudu, Ranjani mala by Tanjavoor Shankarayya, a Meera bhajan, an Ashtapadi of Jayadeva and a Thillana, all of which were immersed in the Bhakthi rasa.

All the items were choreographed by Vijaykumar. His choreography speaks in a subtle way the nuances of the great art. This requires a very keen and minute observation of human emotions, love, agony and ecstasies, separation etc.

Ranjanimala praises Devi about her divine appearance with tender lotus petal like eyes and her karuna on her devotees by getting rid of their sins. The Padavarna was indeed a rare composition — Devayani explaining her painful secret to 'Anname,' the swan. The cause of her pain is that Valli, who has bewitched and dazzled her beloved Muruga

with enchanting speech. This intolerance and jealousy of a nayika was beautifully portrayed by Kathyayini Shringari. Nowadays, a varna is reduced to 20 or 30 minutes in a concert. But this exemplary composition held the spectators for more than an hour.

Another distinctive feature of Vijaykumar's choreography is blending two or more compositions with the same bhava in an item. Meera bhajan 'Kunjan ban chadi' in which she directly questions Him 'Where shall I proceed in this dense forest to find you? If only I were a fish and you would come to that pond to take a dip, I would have touched your lotus feet.' This bhava complied with 'Gopala Gokula vallabhi' by Tulasidas.

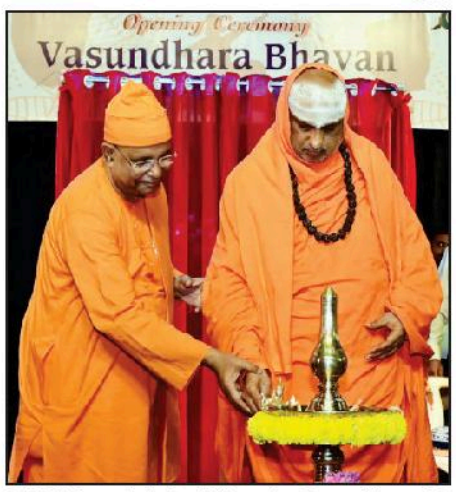
Another stanza where Meera says how fortunate was Yashoda to take care of you like her son. 'Enu sukrutava madidalo Yashode…' was so befitting lines and bhava, despite being in a different language. Kathyayini did full justice to the mood of the composition. Her controlled abhinaya and body language perfectly conveyed the emotions.

Vijaykumar dives deeply into the essence of the compositions and is carried away with its philosophical meaning, which he tries to explore through dance medium. He is one with it and carries the spectators too along.

Same bhava was experienced in Ashtapadi too. The end piece was a Thillana and yet again a different Mangalam. 'Sarva mangala mangalye' brought the curtains down peacefully for an unforgettable performance.

—Dr. Rama V. Bennur

Vasundhara Bhavan, new stage for artistes



Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji and Swami Muktidanandaji** (left) **inaugurating Vasundhara Bhavan in Saraswathipuram recently.** Pic. right: **Dr. Vasundhara Doraswamy being felicitated by her disciple Vidu. Premita along with her husband Govind S. Menokee. Also seen are Premita's parents Savitha & Ramesh Kunhikannan.

Mysuru, Oct. 14- Vasundhara Bhavan of Kalandika Academy of Arts was inaugurated at Saraswathipuram in city recently. The Academy is founded by acclaimed dancer Vidu. Premita Govind, a senior disciple of Danseuse Dr. Vasundhara Doraswamy.

Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji and Sri Ramakrishna Ashram Adhyaksha Swami Muktidanandaji inaugurated Vasundhara Bhavan.

Vidu. Premita Govind, an engineer by profession, took up Bharatanatyam at the tender age of four and has been under the tutelage of Guru Dr. Vasundhara. Premita started her own Academy 'Kalandika' for arts in 2015. Kalandika is now a well-established Art Academy which provides a platform to interested individuals to learn and demonstrate their abilities in various art forms like dance, music, yoga, painting, drawing to name a few.

It aims to serve as a nurturing space for artistes, students, and enthusiasts of all ages. With state-of-the-art facilities, including spacious air-conditioned auditorium with seating capacity for 300, a performance hall and dedicated spaces for workshops and community events, the Vasundhara Bhavan will foster creativity and collaboration within the local arts community.

The inaugural event featured week-long captivating performances, showcasing various dance forms and cultural expressions by leading artistes and also honouring of various personalities for their contribution towards art and culture.

Nexus Centre City hosts Dasara festivities

Mysuru, Oct. 14- As part of Dasara celebrations, Nexus Centre City Mall had organised *Bombe Habba* at its premises here from Oct. 5 to 14.

Commemorating the festivities, Sheesh Mahal, the larger-than-life, illuminated structure made of mirrors and glass at the central atrium of the Mall, offers a unique and immersive experience. The customers can experience this magnificent installation till Nov. 3.

WORD OF THE DAY

Feckless

Pronunciation: FECK-lus (adjective).
Meaning: Feckless describes people or things that are weak or ineffective.
Origin: A feckless person is lacking in feck. And what, you may ask, is feck? In Scots — our source of feckless — feck means "majority" or "effect." The term is ultimately an alteration of the Middle English effect. So something without feck is without effect, that is, ineffective. In the past, feckful (meaning "efficient, effective," "sturdy," or "powerful") made an occasional appearance, but in this case, the weak has outlived the strong: feckless is a commonly used English word, but feckful has proven, well, feckless.
Example: "The players streamed down Columbus Avenue, serenading passersby with the Tilted Axes theme song; a pedestrian stopped and stared. When the Axes crossed Sixty-sixth Street, traffic momentarily isolated one bass player from the rest of the band, like a feckless baby elephant stranded on the veldt." — Henry Alford, The New Yorker, 22 July 2024.

THE ODD WORD

Farouche

Wild; unpolished.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Feeding frenzy

Meaning: The phrase 'Feeding frenzy' is used to describe a period of excited activity by a group, particularly around a certain focal point.
Origin: The term 'Feeding frenzy' was originally used to describe a shark attack. It was coined in the mid-20th century.
Example: "The media had a feeding frenzy when the murder suspect was caught red-handed."

QUOTE BOX

Indulgence makes a child fat. Restriction makes a child fat and unhappy.

— Bee Wilson

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

Answer: Green pea soup.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 With hands on hips and elbows out
6 Grand sort of entrance
10 At hand
11 High Power Amplifier
12 Be conspicuous (5,3)
14 Floor cleaning tool
16 Narrow passageways
17 Golfer's score
19 City on the Oka - "lore" anagram?
21 The bill in a restaurant
22 Hot and dry
23 Withdraw as from premises
25 Distinguishes oneself
27 Numerical prefix
28 Muslim festival
29 Condescends, stoops or patronises
32 Slave to a narcotic
35 Yes __ __ : please give the answer? (2,2)
36 Old Mideast ints.
38 Wound mark
39 Shake or wave to and fro
40 Norwegian composer
42 Couple
43 Indian holy city
45 The French for 'island'
46 Egyptian symbol - "neat" anagram?
47 At a great cost
48 Degrees or phases

DOWN

1 Isaac ____ : numero uno of science fiction?
2 Examining carefully
3 Got together socially or for a specific purpose
4 A false biblical god
5 Elaborately adorned
6 Lisa Kudrow plays her on "Friends"
7 Musical composition
8 ___-a-tat : a sound of knocking or rapping?
9 Scottish landlords
13 Double helix material for short
15 Pray for us - ___ pro nobis ?
17 Foretelling, prophesying or portending
18 Be unwell
20 Slow musical tempo
22 Corrosive chemicals?
24 Soft white metal
26 Marked wrong
29 Covered with liquid
30 Age or eon
31 Famous English county
32 Spheres of conflict
33 Crow sound
34 Soldiers
37 Aerospace Industries Assoc.
40 Audacity
41 Gen. Agreement on Trade and Tariffs
43 Comedian __ Das
44 Mass of salt water

OCT. 1 ANSWER

A	M	S	S	■	E	L	F	■	E	M	M	A
D	E	M	O	■	D	I	A	■	N	A	A	N
A	N	U	P	■	U	N	S	E	T	T	L	E
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S	P	A	■	S	P	R	I	G	■	H	A	D
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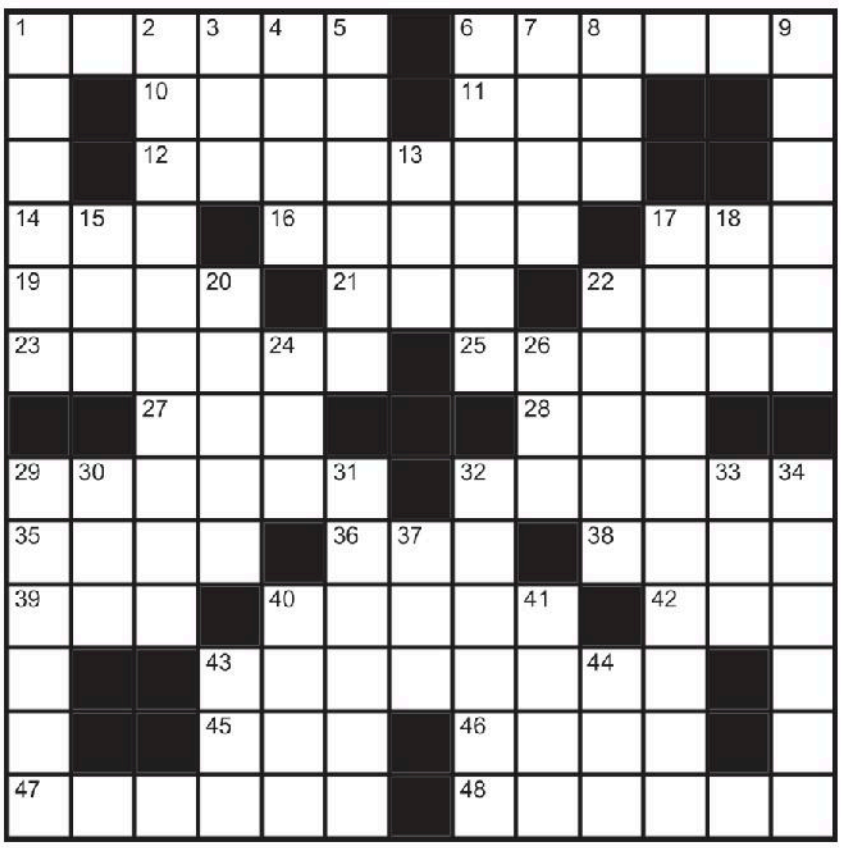

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9						5		
8				3	7	9		2
	4				1			
5		6	1			3		9
3		1			8	6		7
			2				6	
2		8	7	6				5
		9						8

Answer to previous puzzle

2	5	6	1	8	7	9	3	4
9	3	4	2	5	6	7	8	1
7	1	8	4	9	3	6	5	2
1	9	2	8	3	4	5	6	7
3	4	5	7	6	1	2	9	8
8	6	7	5	2	9	4	1	3
4	2	9	6	1	8	3	7	5
6	7	1	3	4	5	8	2	9
5	8	3	9	7	2	1	4	6

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

K GHDKT UR CUYS K XSK FKW. NHJ ZHT'X YTHG MSA

RXASTWXM JTXUC RMS UR UT MHX GKXSA.

TODAY'S CLUE: T EQUALS N

October 1 Cryptoquip: A thing derided is a thing dead; a laughing man is stronger than a suffering man.

MOVIE LOVERS

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		7 pm, 7.10 pm, 10 pm
Jigra (H)	:	10.15 am, 7 pm, 9.55 pm
Ibbani Tabbida Ileyali (K)	:	1.15 pm
Anna (K)	:	4.30 pm
Vicky Vidya Ka Woh Wala Video (H)	:	9.55 pm

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		3.40 pm, 6.35 pm, 8 pm, 9.40 pm
Devara - Part 1 (K)	:	12.20 pm
Martin (K)	:	1 pm, 2.20 pm, 3.50 pm
		5.10 pm, 6.40 pm, 9.30 pm
Vettaiyan - The Hunter (K)	:	6.50 pm

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Martin (K)	:	9.20 am, 11.30 am, 12:30 pm
		2.40 pm, 3.40 pm, 5.50 pm
		6.50 pm, 9 pm, 10 pm
Vicky Vidya Ka Woh Wala Video (H)	:	12 noon, 3.15 pm
		6.30 pm, 9.45 pm
Vettaiyan (Ta)	:	12.15 pm, 3.40 pm
		7.05 pm, 10:30 pm
Devara - Part 1 (H)	:	12.20 pm
Devara - Part 1 (K)	:	3.20 pm
Devara - Part 1 (Te)	:	10.20 pm
Lubber Pandhu (Ta)	:	3.50 pm
Viswam (Te)	:	6.55 pm

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		6.50 pm, 10.15 pm
Vicky Vidya Ka Woh Wala Video (H)	:	12 noon, 6.30 pm
Martin (K)	:	12.10 pm, 1 pm, 3.20 pm
		4.10 pm, 7.20 pm
		9.45 pm, 10.30 pm
Jigra (H)	:	3.15 pm, 10.05 pm
Devara - Part 1 (K)	:	6.35 pm

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		9.40 pm, 10.30 pm
Jigra (H)	:	12.15 pm, 6.50 pm, 10.20 pm
Vettaiyan (Ta)	:	12.15 pm, 6.55 pm
Vicky Vidya Ka Woh Wala Video (H)	:	3.35 pm, 10.10 pm
Viswam (Te)	:	3.40 pm

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		10.10 pm
Martin (K)	:	12.10 pm, 1 pm, 4.10 pm
		5.50 pm, 7.20 pm
		9 pm, 10.30 pm
Vicky Vidya Ka Woh Wala Video (H)	:	12.30 pm, 7.05 pm
Trailers Screening Show	:	1.55 pm
Viswam (Te)	:	2.35 pm
Jigra (H)	:	3.45 pm, 10.20 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there is no minimum audience of 15.

EVENTS TODAY (OCT. 14)

- **Ramsons Kala Pratishtana (RKP), Mysuru:** 20th Edition of Bombe Mane — Display of exquisite dolls from across India, Ramsons Bombe Mane, No. 91, 1st Floor, above Aamrapali Saree Store, Nazarbad Main Road, **up to 7 pm.**
- **Karnataka Exhibition Authority (KEA):** Dasara Exhibition, Exhibition Grounds, **up to 8.30 pm.**
- **Inchara Kalakshetra:** Handmade (Paper Pulp) Dolls Show by K.S. Raghavendra, a 75-year-old artist from city, 'Inchara Kalakshetra,' 149/150, 4th Cross, 3rd Main, Mahadeshwaranagara 2nd Stage, Vijayanagar, Mysuru, **4 pm to 8 pm.**
- **Janachaithanya Foundation:** Bollywood Musical Event, Karnataka Exhibition Authority Chairman Ayub Khan presides, senior journalist Bannur K. Raju, Gynaecologist and Obstetrician Dr. Rekha Arun, Dy.SP T. Kumar, retd. AEE N. Srinivasalu and AEE Azaruddin chief guests, Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, JLB Road, **4 pm to 9 pm.**
- **Mysuru Puppet Theatre (MPT):** Puppet Show, MPT premises, #1162, 1st Cross, Hosabeedi, Ittigegud, opposite Mysuru Zoo, **5.30 pm to 6.30 pm.**
- **Ganabharathi:** Vocal concert by Vidu. Shreya, accompanied by Vid. Rupanagudi Ratna Teja on violin and Vid. Shubhang Samaga on mridanga, **6 pm;** Bansuri recital by Pt. Balasubramanyam, accompanied by Pt. Suchendra Rao on tabla, Ganabhrathi, Kuvempunagar, **7.15 pm.**
- **Institution of Engineers-India (IEI), Mysuru:** World Habitat Day, BARC RMP Scientific Assistant Giri Chandrashekhar guest speaker, IEI Mysuru Chairman Dr. R. Deepu presides, IEI premises, JLB Road, **6 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (OCT. 15)

- **Inchara Kalakshetra:** Handmade (Paper Pulp) Dolls Show by K.S. Raghavendra, a 75-year-old artist from city, 'Inchara Kalakshetra,' 149/150, 4th Cross, 3rd Main, Mahadeshwaranagara 2nd Stage, Vijayanagar, Mysuru, **10 am to 1 pm and 4 pm to 8 pm.**
- **Ramsons Kala Pratishtana (RKP), Mysuru:** 20th Edition of Bombe Mane — Display of exquisite dolls from across India, Ramsons Bombe Mane, No. 91, 1st Floor, above Aamrapali Saree Store, Nazarbad Main Road, **10 am to 7 pm.**
- **Co-Curricular Activities Committee, Maharaja's College:** Talent Hunt 2024-25, Mysore University VC Prof. N.K. Lokanath inaugurates, Janapada Academy President Gollahalli Shivaprasad chief guest, Maharaja's College Principal Prof. H.C. Devarajegowda presides, Maharaja's College Administrative Offier Prof. V. Shanmugham and Co-Curricular Activities Committee Convenor Prof. Rachaiah will be present, Maharaja's College Centenary Hall, **10.30 am.**
- **Karnataka Exhibition Authority (KEA):** Dasara Exhibition, Exhibition Grounds, **2.30 pm to 8.30 pm.**
- **Gemini Circus:** Three shows at Horse Park, near Karanji Lake, **1 pm, 4 pm and 7 pm.**
- **Mysuru Puppet Theatre (MPT):** Puppet Show, MPT premises, #1162, 1st Cross, Hosabeedi, Ittigegud, opposite Mysuru Zoo, **5.30 pm to 6.30 pm.** [Mob: 99726-33977 or 90356-14014]

Excels in athletics

C. Kailash

Mysuru, Oct. 14- C. Kailash, a Grade 10 student of JSS Public School, J.P. Nagar, has bagged Silver Medal in 800 mts and 1500 mts Athletic event of CBSE Cluster and has been selected for Nationals to be held later this month at Varanasi.

Elected to FKCCI

K.B. Lingaraju

K. Prabhakar

Mysuru, Oct. 14- K.B. Lingaraju, President, Mysore Chamber of Commerce & Industry, has been elected under Association Category to Federation of Karnataka Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FKCCI) Managing Committee, Bengaluru, at the election held on Sept. 28.

K. Prabhakar, President, Mandya Chamber of Commerce & Industry, too has been elected to FKCCI Managing Committee under District Chambers of Commerce & Industry, Mysuru Zone.

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